GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF LNG BY IRAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran had agreed to supply Liquid Natural Gas to India through pipeline by the end of 2002;

(b) if so, whether Iran has now proposed to supply the LNG through ship; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be delivered?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(c) No, Sir. However, under Indo-Iran Bilateral Co-operation there is a proposal to explore on- shore as well as offshore gas pipeline and Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) options for import of natural gas from Iran to IndiaFor the pipeline project Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) from India and National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) from Iran have been nominated as nodal agencies by th respective Governments. Time frame for Indo-Iran pipeline project can only be known after the techno-economic viability of this project, based on Detailed Feasibility Report, is established.